

## City of Austin launches pilot Service Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Program

The City of Austin launched an interim Service Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (SDVBE) program on October 1, 2017. The pilot program provides preference points to SDVBEs who are certified as a Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB) with the State of Texas when submitting a response to Request for Proposal (RFP) solicitations.

The interim program as established will allow SDVBEs to receive three percent (3%) preference points on RFP solicitations. In order to receive consideration for the program, a SDVBE must be a prime contractor or consultant, be certified as a HUB by the State of Texas, and be a registered vendor with the City.

The City will operate the interim program for 24 months to allow time to evaluate certification options, implement IT system changes, develop process knowledge, and collect information related to best practices before returning to Austin City Council with recommendations for a long term program solution.

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